

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
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ALEXANDER E. JONES,	§	Chapter 7
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Debtor.	§	Case No. 22-33553 (CML)
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**THIRTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PORTER HEDGES LLP, AS
BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, CHRISTOPHER R. MURRAY, FOR
ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE
PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Porter Hedges LLP, as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray
Date of Retention Order:	July 30, 2024 (Doc. No. 792) ¹
Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	June 1, 2025 through and including June 30, 2025
Interim Fees Incurred:	\$65,660.00
Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):	\$52,528.00
Interim Expenses Incurred:	\$10,761.99
Total Fees and Expenses Due:	\$63,289.99

This is the Thirteenth Monthly Fee Statement.

¹ The Trustee's application to employ Porter Hedges was filed at Docket No. 756.

Porter Hedges LLP (“Porter Hedges”), as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray (the “Trustee”), submits this Thirteenth Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the proposed *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 793] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Porter Hedges requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$65,660.00 (the “Fees”), and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$10,761.99 (the “Expenses”), for the period from June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$52,528.00 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$10,761.99 for a total requested amount of \$63,289.99.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category and expenses are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**, respectively. A summary of the time expended by Porter Hedges attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. Porter Hedges’ invoice for the Application Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

WHEREFORE, Porter Hedges respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proposed Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$52,528.00 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$10,761.99 in the total amount of \$63,289.99.

Dated: July 10,, 2025.
Houston, Texas

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on July 10, 2025.

/s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

Joshua W. Wolfshohl

EXHIBIT 1**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees Requested
Asset Analysis/Recovery	79.00	62,391.50
Case Administration	7.30	3,268.50
Employment/Fee Application	0.00	0.00
Litigation	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	86.30	65,660.00

EXHIBIT 2**SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

Expenses	Cost
Computer Assisted Legal Research	1,299.82
Computer Services	3,547.67
Deposition Expense	5,418.66
UCC Searches	495.84
TOTAL	10,761.99

EXHIBIT 3**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

Professional	Hourly Rate	Total Hours
Joshua W. Wolfshohl	\$995.00	14.80
Matthew R. Baughman	\$800.00	.70
Michael B. Dearman	\$745.00	53.40
Jordan T. Stevens	\$725.00	10.10
Janice M. Thomas	495.00	.40
Mitzie L. Webb	485.00	2.30
Eliana Garfias	\$425.00	4.60
TOTAL		86.30

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Invoice Date: July 09, 2025
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Matter Number: 018577-0001
Billing Attorney: Joshua W. Wolfshohl
Tax ID: #74-2174193

Matter: Alex Jones

For professional services rendered and costs incurred through June 30, 2025

Professional Services	65,660.00
Disbursements	10,761.99
Total Amount Due	\$76,421.99

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Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06/02/2025	MBD	Begin draft complaint.	1.10	819.50
06/03/2025	MBD	Continue draft complaint (1.5); review document production (.3).	1.80	1,341.00
06/04/2025	MBD	Continue draft complaint.	0.90	670.50
06/04/2025	JWW	Emails with E. Jones regarding status conference.	0.20	199.00
06/05/2025	JWW	Attend status conference virtually (1.6); conference with E. Jones regarding next steps (.8).	2.40	2,388.00
06/05/2025	MBD	Revise status report (.3); correspond with C. Murray regarding same (.1); continue draft complaint (1.5); update motion and order to abandon (1.0); correspond with E. Jones regarding hearing (.2).	3.10	2,309.50
06/06/2025	JWW	Conference with Trustee regarding hearing and next steps (.6); further calls regarding same (.4).	1.00	995.00
06/06/2025	MBD	Conference with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding case strategy (.5); continue draft complaint (1.5).	2.00	1,490.00
06/06/2025	EG	Correspondence on requesting June 5th hearing transcript (.3); submit request (.1).	0.40	170.00
06/07/2025	MBD	Continue draft complaint to avoid transfers (1.0); review and analyze financial records (1.3).	2.30	1,713.50
06/08/2025	MBD	Continue draft complaint to avoid transfers.	0.40	298.00
06/09/2025	JWW	Conference with R. Chapple regarding status of state court proceeding (.5); follow-up with E. Jones regarding same (.4); review letter regarding FSS asset sale and emails regarding same with client (.2).	1.10	1,094.50
06/09/2025	MBD	Draft certificate of no objection to third interim fee application (.2); correspond with M. Webb and E. Garfias regarding same (.1); continue draft complaint (4.2); conference with E. Jones regarding complaints and case strategy (.3).	4.80	3,576.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06/09/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of CNO for PH's 3rd interim fee application (.2); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.3); download and circulate filed version (.1); email case manager on submission of same (.1); update file (.1).	0.80	340.00
06/10/2025	JMT	Attention to requests for UCC lien searches.	0.10	49.50
06/10/2025	MBD	Continue draft complaint (1.0); analyze motions for reconsideration (.2); conference with Trustee team and PH team regarding case status and strategy (.9); draft exhibits to complaint (1.0).	3.10	2,309.50
06/10/2025	EG	Follow up with transcriber on hearing transcript request (.2); attention to emails on draft fee statement (.2).	0.40	170.00
06/10/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend strategy session with M. Dearman and E. Jones regarding potential causes of action and adversary proceedings.	1.00	725.00
06/11/2025	JWW	Conference call with UST's office regarding case status and FSS.	0.70	696.50
06/11/2025	MBD	Review lien search results (.1); review and analyze bank statements and transfers (2.0).	2.10	1,564.50
06/11/2025	JMT	Review of UCC lien search results received.	0.30	148.50
06/12/2025	MBD	Multiple correspondence with J. Wolfshohl and J. Stevens regarding causes of action (.3); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.5); conference with M. Baughman, J. Wolfshohl and J. Stevens regarding causes of action (.4); analyze case law related to same (1.5); conference with J. Stevens (.2); work on service issues (.1); revise draft complaint (2.5); numerous correspond with J. Stevens regarding draft complaint and revisions (.3).	5.80	4,321.00
06/12/2025	JWW	Work on adversary complaint regarding trust assets and conference calls regarding related legal issues.	2.40	2,388.00
06/12/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of adversary complaint (.2); discuss same with M. Webb (.1).	0.30	127.50

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06/12/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend strategy sessions regarding case strategy and next steps, including with respect to potential adversary proceedings (.7); review and revise the draft Complaint regarding the AEJ 2018 Trust (1.1).	1.80	1,305.00
06/12/2025	MRB	Review documents relating to AEJ 2018 Trust (.5); telephone conference with J. Wolfshohl and M. Dearman regarding trust and interests in entities owned by trust (.2)	0.70	560.00
06/13/2025	MBD	Correspondence with J. Stevens and J. Wolfshohl regarding complaints (.8); correspond with M. Webb and E. Garfias regarding same (.2).	1.00	745.00
06/13/2025	JWW	Work on final revisions to adversaries and confer with Trustee and team regarding filing same.	1.50	1,492.50
06/13/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of adversary complaint (.2); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.6); download and circulate filed version (.1); update file (.1).	1.00	425.00
06/13/2025	JTS	Review and revise the three draft Adversary Complaints (2.8); prepare for and speak with C. Murray (.3); prepare for and speak with E. Jones (.7); finalize and prepare the adversary complaints for filing and speak with M. Webb regarding the same (.9).	4.70	3,407.50
06/13/2025	MLW	Email exchanges and calls with PH team regarding filing adversary complaints (1.2); monitor emails regarding same (.9); receive and file (.2).	2.30	1,115.50
06/15/2025	MBD	Analyze case law regarding reconsideration of remand orders.	1.60	1,192.00
06/16/2025	JWW	Emails with Trustee regarding offer on assets and next steps.	0.30	298.50
06/16/2025	MBD	Analyze motions to reconsider (.2); analyze case law governing reconsideration of remand orders (2.2); correspond with J. Wolfshohl and J. Stevens regarding same (.2).	2.60	1,937.00

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06/17/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones regarding motions for reconsideration (.4); analyze case law related to same (1.0); draft objection to motion for reconsideration (3.0).	4.40	3,278.00
06/17/2025	JWW	Conference with client regarding offer on assets and sale of equity (.7); follow-up emails regarding same (.2).	0.90	895.50
06/18/2025	MBD	Continue draft objection to motions for reconsideration (2.0); correspond with J. Stevens regarding same (.2); analyze case law regarding objections to reconsideration (.6); attention to correspondence from E. Jones regarding sale inquiry (.2).	3.00	2,235.00
06/18/2025	JWW	Emails regarding equity sale and related issues.	0.30	298.50
06/18/2025	EG	Follow up on hearing transcript (.1); receive, review, and circulate same (.2).	0.30	127.50
06/18/2025	JTS	Conduct legal research and analysis in connection with the Debtor's Motion to Reconsider (1.1); draft and revise the Objection to the Debtors' Motion to Reconsider (.8).	1.90	1,377.50
06/19/2025	MBD	Conference with J. Wolfshohl and J. Stevens regarding case status and strategy.	0.20	149.00
06/19/2025	JWW	Phone conference with Trustee team regarding open issues in case (.3); phone conference with A. Moshenberg regarding case status (.2); phone conference with C. Murray regarding same (.4).	0.90	895.50
06/19/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend strategy session with members of the Porter Hedges Team, E. Jones, and C. Murray.	0.40	290.00
06/23/2025	MBD	Revise motion to abandon.	0.70	521.50
06/24/2025	JWW	Phone conference with J. Martin and A. Moshenberg regarding open issues in case (.2); conference with C. Murray regarding equity sale (.1); follow-up emails regarding abandonment issues and equity sale with trustee team (.3).	0.60	597.00
06/24/2025	MBD	Revise motion to abandon assets and equity (1.0); review hearing transcripts and pleadings regarding asset sale (.5); revise objection to motion to reconsider (1.0);	2.70	2,011.50

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		begin draft objection to stay pending appeal (.2).		
06/25/2025	JWW	Review draft motion to abandon (.2); conference call regarding status of state court proceeding and other related issues (.5); follow-up with Trustee team (.1).	0.80	796.00
06/25/2025	MBD	Draft objection to motion for stay pending appeal (1.7); analyze case law regarding stays pending appeal (1.0); conference with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding motions and case status (1.0).	3.70	2,756.50
06/25/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend strategy session with members of the Porter Hedges Team, E. Jones, and C. Murray.	0.30	217.50
06/26/2025	JWW	Review motion to abandon and further comments (.2); emails with E. Jones regarding same and other open issues in case (.2).	0.40	398.00
06/26/2025	MBD	Correspond with J. Wolfshohl and J. Stevens regarding draft motions and case strategy (.2); continue draft objection to stay pending appeal (2.5); analyze case law governing permissive intervention (.7); revise objections to motions for reconsideration (1.0); correspond with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding objection to stay pending appeal (.1).	4.50	3,352.50
06/27/2025	JWW	Emails and phone conference with E. Jones regarding equity sale and abandonment issues.	0.80	796.00
06/27/2025	MBD	Revise motions for reconsideration (.8); correspond with M. Webb and E. Garfias regarding same (.1).	0.90	670.50
06/27/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of objections to motions for reconsideration in adversary cases (.2); continuous monitoring of emails for status of same (.5); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.4); download and circulate filed versions (.2); update file (.1).	1.40	595.00
06/30/2025	JWW	Conference with M. Dearman regarding next steps in case, liquidation of remaining assets and bringing case to conclusion.	0.50	497.50

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06/30/2025	MBD	Conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case strategy and pending motions (.3); review and analyze objections to motions to reconsider (.3); correspond with Trustee regarding same (.1).	0.70	521.50

Total			86.30	\$65,660.00
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Total Services				\$65,660.00
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Timekeeper Summary

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JWW	Joshua W. Wolfshohl	Partner	14.80	995.00	14,726.00
MRB	Matthew R. Baughman	Partner	0.70	800.00	560.00
MBD	Michael B. Dearman	Associate	53.40	745.00	39,783.00
JTS	Jordan T. Stevens	Associate	10.10	725.00	7,322.50
JMT	Janice M. Thomas	Paralegal	0.40	495.00	198.00
MLW	Mitzie L. Webb	Paralegal	2.30	485.00	1,115.50
EG	Eliana Garfias	Paralegal	4.60	425.00	1,955.00
Total			86.30		\$65,660.00

Cost Summary

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Computer Services	3,547.67
Deposition Expense	5,418.66
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